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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW *OTOCORIS* FROM
LOWER CALIFORNIA.

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On a previous occasion,* I doubtfully referred to *Otocoris alpestris actia* a pair of adult breeding horned larks from Santa Rosalia Bay, Lower California. Additional material from the peninsula confirms the suspicion of their subspecific distinctness, and enables me now to present a diagnosis under the name

Otocoris alpestris enertera subsp. nov.

Chars. subsp.—Similar to *Otocoris alpestris ammophila*, but smaller, the upper parts paler and more grayish, the cinnameous of nape, upper tail-coverts, and bend of wing more pinkish.

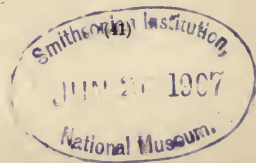
Measurements (10 males).—Wing, 91.5–99 (average, 96); tail, 60.5–64.5 (62.9); exposed culmen, 9.5–11 (10.5); tarsus, 18–21 (20.1); middle toe, 9.5–11.5 (10.6). (*13 females.*)—Wing, 89–96 (91.4); tail, 55–60.5 (57.8); exposed culmen, 9.5–11 (10.2); tarsus, 19–21.5 (20); middle toe, 9.5–11.5 (10.4) mm.

Geographical distribution.—Central Lower California, from about 24 degrees to 29 degrees north latitude.

Description.—Type, adult male, No. 196,076, U. S. N. M., Biological Survey Collection; Llano de Yrais (near Magdalena Bay), Lower California, December 13, 1905; E. W. Nelson and E. A. Goldman. Back, scapulars, and rump brownish gray, all the feathers with fuscous centers, more or less extensive, and darkest on the rump; wings fuscous, the quills, greater coverts, and primary coverts edged with brownish gray, the outer web of outermost primary nearly all white; lesser wing-coverts and upper tail-coverts cinnameous; tail black, the two middle feathers fuscous, margined with brownish gray, the exterior web of outermost pair of rectrices edged with white; occiput, cervix, and sides of neck pinkish cinnameous; crown, "horns," lores, cheeks, and jugular crescent black; auriculars yellowish white washed with grayish; forehead, superciliary stripe, and postocular streak yellowish white; chin and throat pale primrose yellow;

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flanks, thighs, and sides of breast and of body light brownish cinnamon; rest of lower parts, including lining of wings, white.

This new race is in color very similar to *Otocoris alpestris leucolaema*, but is more grayish above, at least when in good plumage; and has the eyebrow usually more yellowish; furthermore, the greatly inferior size of *Otocoris a. enertera* distinguishes it at once. From *Otocoris alpestris actia*, whose range it approaches most closely, it differs very much more than from either *Otocoris a. ammophila* or *O. a. leucolaema*, being strikingly paler and more grayish throughout, as well as somewhat smaller.

The type specimen above described still retains some of the brownish gray edgings of crown, jugulum, and cervix, but otherwise represents the perfect breeding plumage. When badly worn, *O. a. enertera* looks more like *O. a. ammophila* than when in fresh condition, though it is still more grayish and pinkish above, and of course smaller. *Otocoris alpestris enertera* appears to be non-migratory; and its range, so far as known, extends in Lower California from Santa Rosalia Bay to the neighborhood of Magdalena Bay.